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Calendar of events

Festival bingo benefits shelter

Animals of all stripes are hoping residents will turn out in droves for the annual Pumpkin Festival Bingo fundraiser.

Bingo will take place from 5 p.m.-midnight on Friday Sept. 19, from 1 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Sept. 20 and from 1-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21.

One hundred percent of the proceeds earned at the bingo tournament will benefit the four-year-old effort to construct a new animal shelter on a parcel of city-owned land near the Department of Public Works building.

More than \$130,000 has been collected through local fundraisers like the bingo tournament. The total cost of a new shelter is about \$250,000.

For more information, or to volunteer, call Councilman William Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616 or Joe Ozog at (734) 941-3466.

Author visits library

As part of the Romulus Public Library book discussion rotation, an author will join the discussion of his book next month.

Harry Bryce, the writer of "Land of the Morning Calm," will make a guest appearance at the library on Sept. 8.

Bryce will join the members of the book club to discuss his inspiration for the book.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

The Second Monday Book Club continues

The Romulus Public Library Monday night book club continues to meet every week.

Book discussions are free and open to all residents age 18 and up. Participants need not register in advance.

The library will have copies of the books, or staff members will assist readers in getting inter-library loan copy.

Books that will be discussed include: *At Home in Milford* by Jan Karon, which will be discussed Oct. 13 and *A River Runs Through It* by Norman Maclean, which will be discussed Nov. 10.

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For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Caregiver support services

Adult Well Being Services will host caregiver support groups at the September Days Senior Center from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

The monthly meetings provide support, information and encouragement to caregivers who are caring for a spouse, parent or others. The group will help family members deal with their emotions, learn about resources and meet others who are going through similar experiences.

The meetings are free, however, participants have the opportunity to make a donation to share in the cost of services. No one will be refused service if they are not able to donate.

Casino may come, without federal approval

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

With recent failure of a bill that would have allowed an Indian casino in the city, another tribe could open a gambling facility without having to seek congressional approval.

In 2005, the Hannahville Indians signed a letter of intent with the city to build a casino near the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The project was one of two the city hoped would materialize, even though the focus has been on the Sioux tribe's efforts to orchestrate a land swap.

"We're not giving up on the casino or the jobs it would bring, that's for sure," said Mayor Alan

Lambert, one of the chief proponents of the casino.

"What's different with the Hannahville tribe is that its not a land swap – that's the part that required (congressional) approval," he added.

Bill failed in Washington

Last month, a bill that would have allowed the Sioux to open a casino near the airport – which is not on an Indian reservation – failed to garner enough votes for approval. The bill would have allowed the tribe to open a casino off-reservation, essentially creating a small reservation within the city.

The bill was strongly opposed by officials from Detroit, who felt a casino in Romulus would have

caused unwanted competition for the three gaming halls in their city.

The casino development would have created about 3,000 jobs, and would have streamed \$4-\$10 million in tax and other revenue into Romulus.

It also would have satisfied a legal land claim the Indian tribe has against the state for illegally developing tribal lands. The deal to end the claim was struck by tribal leaders and then-Gov. John Engler in 1996. The agreement clearly states that congressional approval would be required for any casino project to move forward.

The casino, along with a race-track that ultimately did not end up in Romulus, was also seen by officials at both the city and county

level as an element of the "aerotropolis," or a large business and entertainment district Wayne County hopes will materialize on vacant land surrounding the airport.

Not affected

The Hannahville tribe, however, is not subject to the agreement, and approval of the casino would require only the support of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, and that of Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Lambert feels that scenario could come to fruition for the city because it would neutralize the opposition of a casino by Detroit officials and others who are against

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Going for the gold

While the rest of the country's eyes are squarely on China, a delegation of about 30 athletes from Romulus made their way into the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics in Westland. State Sen. Ray Basham looks on as athletes from about 30 municipalities made their way to competition. Romulus athletes competed in many events, including golf, basketball and pinocle. The city medal count was undetermined as of Tuesday. Events will continue through tomorrow.

Woman charged in infant's death

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A 27-year-old Romulus woman is facing felony murder charges for her alleged role in the death of an 11-month-old infant.

LaTonya Goodlow stood accused of causing the death of Kalijah Arlboro of Detroit Aug. 16 at 34th District Court in Romulus. She is charged with three serious felonies for her alleged role in the baby girl's death.

Police responded to the home of Arlboro's father in Romulus on Aug. 14 after a report was called in that the child was barely responsive, said Deputy Police Chief Michael St. Andre.

"The baby was barely breathing at that time," St. Andre said.

Goodlow was the live-in girlfriend of Arlboro's father. The infant was at the house in Romulus visiting her father.

Romulus rescue workers trans-

ported the baby to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy was performed by the Wayne County Medical Examiner's Office the following afternoon, and preliminary findings indicate the infant most likely received injuries from being shaken. The cause of death was listed as blunt force trauma.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office approved a felony warrant for Goodlow, and Romulus police detectives took her into custody.

Goodlow pleaded not guilty to charges of felony murder, which is punishable by up to life in prison; negligent homicide, a 15-year felony; and first-degree child abuse,

which is also a 15-year-felony.

Though Goodlow did receive bond for the two lesser charges, Michigan law does not permit bond for those charged with felony murder.

Shaken baby syndrome results in whiplash-like head injuries that cause permanent, if not fatal, damage. According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, anywhere from 1,200 to 1,600 babies die each year from being vigorously shaken.

Goodlow is currently in custody at the Wayne County Jail. She will return to the 34th District Court at 9 a.m. Aug. 27 for a preliminary exam.

The baby was barely breathing at that time.

Depute Police Chief Michael St. Andre

Romulus will probe shooting

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Police Department will investigate the circumstances surrounding a police shootout that involved members of the undercover unit that took place in Westland last week.

Romulus Police Chief Charles Kirby said a deputy chief would look into the shooting incident that occurred at Bob's of Canton in Westland to make sure proper procedures were followed in the incident.

In the meantime, the officers have received counseling, and some have been temporarily reassigned to desk duty pending the outcome of the internal probe.

"Three (of the officers) are back in their regular jobs, and two have been re-assigned," he said.

Closing in on the suspects

The incident occurred Aug. 12 at about 3:30 p.m. after Romulus officers met five men at the strip mall. Undercover detectives were conducting a drug buy to purchase 3 kilos of cocaine valued at \$60,000. They were preparing to finalize the deal when the situation turned into an armed robbery.

The buy turned into a life-threatening situation when guns were pulled on police, who then shot two of the suspects, 28-year-old Brian Thomas and 32-year-old Benjamin Pringle, both of Detroit. Thomas died at the scene, and Pringle is hospitalized.

Three other suspects – Demond Sanders, 29, and Roberto Reed, 32, both of Detroit, and Joseph Boldizar, 49, of Garden City – were charged at the 18th District Court in Westland for their alleged role in the robbery. The men are being held at the Wayne County Jail in lieu of \$1 million bond. (See related story, page 3.)

Pringle was charged at the hospital.

No officers were hurt in the exchange of gunfire.

Westland mayor incensed

Bill Wild, the mayor of Westland, criticized the Romulus Police Department for setting up

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Veteran principal will steer district programs

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Dan Hurst walks into his office at the Romulus Community Schools knowing that his decisions will affect 4,200 young minds.

Designing and implementing a curriculum for kindergarten through 12th grade students is an awesome responsibility, but one that Hurst had taken on part-time in addition to his role as the principal of Romulus High School.

This summer, Hurst was chosen to take on the full-time role of curriculum director from five candidates. He packed up his belongings at the high school, and moved into an office at the Grant Road district headquarters.

"It's going to be a challenge, but some of what needed to be done was taken care of by myself last year, and by my predecessor, Tom Dolan," he said.

"But there's still a lot of work to be done," Hurst said.

The curriculum director plans and implements programs for a broad range of students in all core

subjects and electives. The director also gauges the effectiveness of the programs, to make sure students are learning the material.

The position remained vacant – save for Hurst – for one year after Dolan's retirement. Superintendent of Schools Carl Weiss said internal and external candidates were interviewed for the position, but that Hurst offered a plethora of knowledge honed during a 35-year career.

"Dan rose to the top almost immediately," Weiss said.

"We needed someone with experience in the classroom and experience as an administrator, and Dan has those qualities."

Hurst said his first job once the school year begins is to make sure classrooms in the given grades are consistent with the overall district plan.

"The first thing I need to do is to make sure that we're all on the same page," he said.

Hurst said the main focuses for all students will be reading, writing and math, and under the current configuration, students in certain

grades will have to take at least a year of some of those subjects – which exceeds state requirements.

Landscape changes

New high school educational requirements implemented by the State Department of Education have placed a bigger emphasis on math and science. Romulus Community Schools – like several other schools – moved to a trimester system to accommodate the new requirements and make room for students to take elective courses.

Since the changes only affect high school students, Hurst led the effort during the last school year to research trimesters and the effect they would have on children and the staff.

Among some staff members, there was some ambivalence about the change.

"We had several information sessions about the trimesters for the staff, and once we laid out the ways in which we thought it would be beneficial, I have to say that everyone got on board," he said.

Under the new system, the students will take fewer classes at a time, but will change their class schedule more often.

Teacher to administrator

Hurst, who began his career in 1973 as a social studies and science teacher at Romulus Junior High School, has become accustomed to making transitions in his career.

After graduating from Western Michigan University with bachelors and masters degrees in education, Hurst spent the next 13 years in the classroom.

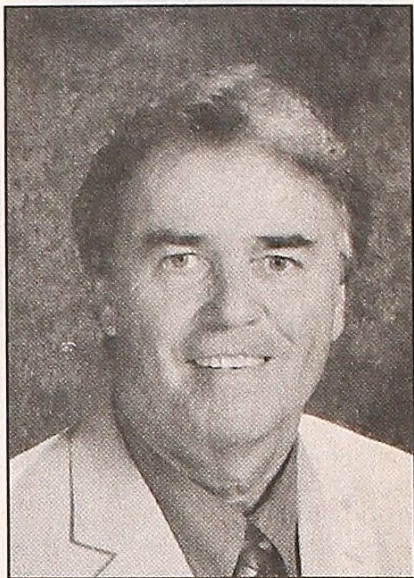
He then moved on to an assistant principal's spot and eventually, the principal's post at the junior high school.

Thirteen years ago, Hurst was named principal of the high school.

Today, he finds himself excited but a little sad to leave the school.

"What I'm going to miss the most about the high school is the direct interaction with the students," he said. "Second to that, I'm going to miss working with the staff at the high school."

"I found myself feeling the same



Dan Hurst

way when I made the change from being a teacher to an assistant principal," he added.

Nevertheless, Hurst plans on being hands-on in his new role.

"I still plan on visiting the schools and maintaining a close working relationship with the teachers at all of the schools," he said. "I'll still be around."

News in brief

Airport is "Storm-Ready"

Detroit Metropolitan Airport was recognized as the first "storm-ready" airport system in the United States by the National Weather Service at an event Aug. 19.

The nationwide community preparedness program uses a grassroots approach to help communities, government entities, universities and businesses develop plans to handle local severe weather situations.

Representatives from the Weather Forecast Office in White Lake inspected the airport to ensure it met the criteria for inclusion in the program. That criteria includes the establishment of a 24-hour warning system, diverse ways to receive severe weather information, the ability to alert the public, and the ability to regularly monitor local weather conditions, among others.

Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson said he believes the airport is in a unique position when it comes to weather:

"Airports are significantly impacted by the weather," he said. "This new designation is reflective of our airport's commitment to operating the safest-possible air transportation facilities for our customers and the communities we serve."

Though the designation is the first for a U.S. airport, there are already 1,300 communities that have been designated as storm ready since the inception of the program in 1999.

Red Cross seeks blood donations

To combat blood shortage concerns, the American Red Cross will host several mobile blood drives in upcoming weeks. A drive is scheduled to take place from 2-8 p.m. on Monday at VFW BOVA Engineering, located at 6440 Hix Road just south of Warren Road in Westland.

There will also be a drive at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 5885 Venoy Road in Westland, from 2-8 p.m. on Aug. 28.

To be eligible to donate blood, an individual must be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be at least 17 years old. For more information call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

Community garage sale spaces available

Vendors are sought for the Westland Community Garage Sale, which will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the parking lot of Westland City Hall. The site, located at 36601 Ford Road, will feature a total of 99 sales areas.

Reservations are \$20 per space and may be made at the Melvin G. Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road. Payment is due upon reservation and rentals are first come, first serve. Each site is one parking space in size; renters must provide their own tables.

The sale will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact the Bailey Recreation Center at (734) 722-7620.

— Briefs are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen.

Inkster is still seeking manager

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Outgoing City Manager Joyce Parker will stay on with Inkster for up to another 60 days while council members find her replacement.

Parker's final day was to be Friday, Aug. 15, but during a special council meeting Aug. 13, the decision was made to extend her employment for the length of time it takes to recruit someone to manage the day-to-day business of the city.

"My status is currently temporary, and it will last for 60 days, if they need me," Parker said. "The council will meet again on Aug. 25 to go over resumes, and they will narrow it down to a small group to interview."

Once that group is identified, the council will then publicly interview all of the candidates. Currently, the timeline for interviews is on track for the middle of next month. Those interviews will be conducted publicly.

When Parker was hired, four other candidates were interviewed for the \$105,000 per year spot.

Parker submitted her resignation for the second time in one year last

month. Parker said she was leaving the city to spend more time with her family, and to take advantage of other career opportunities. She has served under two councils for the past four years.

The Michigan Municipal League is handling the search for potential managers, and will submit the resumes for qualified candidates to the city.

While the council debates filling Parker's position, another high-level job at city hall has been vacated, and will likely be unfilled until after Parker's departure.

Charles Stanhouse resigned his position as city treasurer in July. Since then, Deputy Controller Lynn Ellyn has taken on the responsibilities of a treasurer until the spot is filled with occasional help from retired treasurer Jim Kloubacher.

The position has been difficult to fill.

"I think that municipal accounting is something that many CPAs and other finance professionals just don't have a feel for, and there is a lot of responsibility in this position," said Parker.

Nevertheless, the city has so far received 22 resumes from interest-

ed candidates, Parker said.

"We are in the process of reviewing those right now," she said. "But we probably won't hire anyone until the new manager signs on, because he or she should have input into who is hired."

One problem with the treasurer's position is the compensation, but now that the pay rate is set at or above \$70,000 per year, luring qualified candidates shouldn't be too difficult, said Parker.

The city has employed four treasurers in the past five years – Alicia Wilson, who resigned in 2005; David Sabuda, who resigned after only three months on the job to accept a higher-paying job in the City of Berkeley in 2006; Sophia Snow, who also left the position after only a few months on the job and Stanhouse, who was hired in 2007.

Because the city has a deputy treasurer for the first time in several years, the transition should be easier this time around, said Parker.

Interviews for the position of treasurer will not be conducted publicly. Whoever fills the position will oversee expenditures and revenues for the city, which has a budget of about \$20 million annually.

Cruise drives into area metro park

Scott Spielman
Editor

What do flap jacks and muscle cars have in common?

Both will be part of the annual Cruisin' the Park event that takes place at the Lower Huron Metro Park this weekend.

Part car show, part swap meet and part fundraiser, the event will benefit the Community Assistance Foundation (CAF5), a non-profit organization set up through the 34th District Court.

"This is basically our only fundraiser for the year," said Karen Mida, a member of the CAF5. "It's a big weekend for us."

The event takes place on both Saturday and Sunday at the Tulip Tree Area of the park, which is at the south end of Haggerty Road in Belleville.

Festivities get under way at about 8 a.m. with the pancake breakfast on both days. It runs until 11 a.m. each day. The King Brothers Pancake Co. will serve up the flap jacks, sausage and juice for \$6 for adults or \$5 for

senior citizens and children younger than 12.

Judge Brian Oakley started the CAF5 seven years ago to help out families and children in need in the five communities served by the 34th District Court. Among other things, the 501(c)3 supports a prescription drug program for public school students that covers the cost of medication for students who do not have insurance or cannot otherwise pay for the prescription.

"We help kids, we help families in the five area community schools," said Mida. They work with Andrews Drugs in Belleville on the program. "If a child needs medication, we're able to help with the prescription costs."

The other part of the weekend event is a classic car show and swap meet, according to Diane Traskos. Her husband Brad and a few of his friends started it about six years ago. She said as many as 300 muscle cars, hot rods and 'rat rods' for the event, which also features a memorial cruise in honor of their friend Pat Marshall.

"We have something for people of all ages," she said.

The car show and swap meet gets started at 9 a.m. There are spots for 300 vendors, too. At least 200 have signed up and she expects more between now and then. Spots are \$20. Most vendors have car-related items, but others will sell jewelry and different items, too.

They will bring their 1964 Ford Fairlane to the event, but Traskso said she expects quite a variety of other classic cruiser and custom wheels, too.

"We're got lots of people from Indiana, Ohio and the west side of the state coming," she said. There will be about 75 awards given out in a variety of categories.

The event features a coloring contest, too, where children can win several prizes for their creativity, courtesy of Mike's Garage in Belleville.

"This year we're giving away a lot of bicycles," Traskos said.

To make a tax-deductible donation to the CAF5, send a check or money order to CAF5, 1134 Hunt St., Romulus, MI 48174.

Casino

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further casino development.

"We had the governor's approval for the other casino because she knows how bad it is here, and how badly we need the jobs," he said.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs may be a more difficult nut to crack, however.

Political change

Though the picture seems to be bleak, the upcoming elections and changes at the federal level could

help either one or both of the casinos gain the necessary approvals to proceed. Lambert said the city is pinning its hopes on the at this point.

"Maybe if we have some changes up there, we'll see some movement (in the city's favor)," he said. "Maybe with a new president, the tone will change."

Lambert said he was disappointed in the cancellation of a meeting between him and the leadership of the Sioux tribe that was supposed to take place last week.

"We're still hopeful," said Lambert.

Incident - Westland officials criticize Romulus Police Department handling of drug 'sting' operation

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the meeting in Westland, noting that officials "don't want or appreciate" this sort of activity in Westland.

"At the end of the day, I've been able to confirm that the Westland Police Department only received notification 30 minutes (before the buy)," he said. "I would request, any time they're going to set up one of these here, that they get the Westland Police involved (from the start)."

In addition to the safety issues

connected with the incident, Wild said that Westland must bear the expense of investigating the shootout.

Wild also said the incident is at odds with the level of public safety Westland residents expect.

"Maybe this is the way they do things in Romulus," he said. "I think our residents expect more."

Westland City Council President Jim Godbout said he would introduce a resolution at the next council meeting condemning the actions of the Romulus Police Department. He

said if Westland police had been given more time, they could have provided Romulus officers with more specifics about the area to minimize exposure to the residents.

"I have to assume (Romulus police) had more than a half hour's notice," he said. "I think it could have been better executed, and I think they were understaffed."

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert – a former police officer – said Westland officials should be more understanding about the predicament because no one knew there would be a shootout.

"This type of thing happens in police work," he said. "Obviously none of us are happy that it occurred at a busy location. But I do think the skill of our officers prevented any innocent bystanders from getting hurt."

"When I was a police officer, I can remember several instances when we were informed another department would be in our city," Lambert said. "As far as I'm concerned, Westland (police) had notice and enough time to get off-

cers out there."

Situation is common

Kirby said undercover officers often conduct buys at locations that are public and outside of the city, and that it's a practice at the majority of police departments.

"It's very common," he said. "Where else would they have us go?"

Kirby also confirmed that buy locations are typically suggested by the targets of an operation, as opposed to the officers.

— Staff Writer Meghan Chatham contributed to this report.

Suspects arraigned in drug-bust shooting

Meghan Chatham
 Staff Writer

On Friday, a Westland magistrate arraigned four men on multiple felony charges stemming from a drug-related shooting that took place Tuesday.

Magistrate Donald Vandersloot of the 18th District Court in Westland oversaw the arraignments for 49-year-old Joseph George Boldizar of Garden City, 29-year-old Demond Nigel Sanders of Detroit, and 32-year-old Roberto Debert Reed of Detroit on charges including assault with intent to commit armed robbery and conspiracy. Benjamin Bernard Pringle, 32, of Detroit was arraigned on similar charges later the same day.

Sgt. Michael Harhold of the Westland Police Department told the court that at approximately 3:30 p.m. on Aug. 12, officers with the Romulus Police Department were conducting a reverse narcotics buy in the parking lot of a grocery store on the corner of Warren and Merriman roads. During the buy a confidential informant was to make a "controlled delivery" of 3 kilograms of cocaine to a buyer in return for \$60,000.

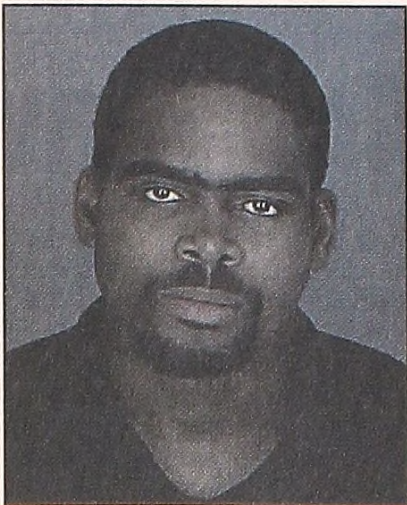
Sanders, Boldizar, and 28-year-old Brian Lamar Thomas of Detroit allegedly drove up to the pre-arranged meeting point in a green Chevrolet Lumina. Sanders, police claim, waited in the car



Joseph George Boldizar



Demond Nigel Sanders



Roberto Debert Reed



Benjamin Bernard Pringle

while Thomas and Boldizar entered the informant's vehicle to complete the transaction. Meanwhile, a black Buick Rendezvous drove in, allegedly with Reed in the driver's seat and Pringle of Detroit as passenger. According to Karrick, Pringle left the vehicle and went over to the informant's vehicle, where he put a TEC-9 gun in the informant's face.

"There was no money at the scene," said Lt. Dan Karrick of the Westland Police Department. "This was set up to be a robbery from the get-go."

The informant attempted to deflect the gun and was allegedly shot at by both Pringle and Thomas, who had a smaller weapon. The informant only received a minor injury—a burn to his hand—in the incident. Nine

uniformed Romulus police officers, who had been monitoring the scene from inside two vans parked nearby, exited the vehicles to take command of the situation when the weapons were brandished. Karrick said that as Pringle and Thomas left the informant's vehicle, they began firing their weapons at the Romulus officers who then returned fire.

Thomas died at the scene from four gunshot wounds in the lower extremities, Karrick said. Pringle, who received one gunshot wound to the chest, was in stable condition at an area hospital as of Friday.

Pringle, Boldizar, Reed, and Sanders have each been charged with assault with intent to rob while armed, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, delivery of 1000 or more grams of cocaine, possession

of 1000 grams or more of cocaine, and conspiracy to possess 1000 or more grams of cocaine. Each of those charges is a felony punishable by up to life in prison if convicted. Sanders received a habitual offender third offense notice and Reed a habitual offender fourth offense notice, which would enhance the severity of their sentence if they were convicted.

In addition to the counts they have in common, Pringle was also charged with four counts of assault with intent to murder, three counts of felonious assault, felon in possession of a firearm, and felony firearm on Friday afternoon. He also received a habitual offender second offense notice.

"I think this case speaks for itself," said Harhold, calling the defendants a danger to the public. "The police department believes it

should be an extraordinarily high bond."

However, Boldizar asked the magistrate to take his background under consideration.

"My record is clean," said Boldizar. "I've never done nothing like this before."

Vandersloot ultimately set the bond for each of the men at \$1 million cash or surety.

The defendants will return to the 18th District Court for preliminary hearing on Aug. 28. At the preliminary hearing, the burden is on the prosecution to convince a judge that there is sufficient evidence to believe a crime was committed and to believe the accused is the one who committed the crime. If, at that time, the judge is convinced, the case will then move on to the Wayne County Circuit Court for trial.

Volunteers sought to deliver 'Meals on Wheels' to seniors

Scott Spielman
 Editor

"We need help," said Lori Tooles-Carrington of The Senior Alliance.

With the Labor Day weekend rapidly approaching, she said she needs help from volunteers willing to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. So far, volunteers have been hard to come by, she added.

"I think with the price of gas being what it is people can't always afford to do the things they want to do," she said. "We cer-

tainly understand that."

The Senior Alliance provides aid to the elderly in 34 communities throughout the Detroit metro area. The Meals on Wheels program is funded essentially through donations and grants. Each meal costs about \$5 including food and all the assorted costs that go with it. The holiday meal program is funded entirely through donations, she said. It was designed to bridge the gap between times when the meals are typically unavailable.

"There are no state or federal funds for

the holiday program," she said. "We must raise the money."

That means the organization can't pay for mileage, either. Volunteers can chose which community they're most comfortable with when they sign up to deliver the food. They'll be sent to one of four distribution centers—including Oakwood Annapolis Hospital and St. Mary in Livonia—and then given a short route for deliveries. She said the simple act of bringing the food is the highlight for many recipients.

"It makes a difference—and our volun-

teers love to do it," she said.

There are 400 seniors signed up for the program right now, she said, but that number may increase as the holiday approaches.

"I'm still receiving more request forms. They're trickling in," Tooles-Carrington said. "It's probably because of the economy that there is a bigger need for the holiday meals program."

To volunteer, call Tooles-Carrington at (734) 727-2063 or email her at Ltooles@tsalink.org.

Haggerty Road work planned

Starting Aug. 28, the Detroit Water and Sewage Department (DWSD) will begin work across Haggerty Road at Tyler Road to install water mains in Van Buren Township.

One lane of traffic will be open with flagmen posted directing traffic through the intersection during work hours. The intersection will be fully open after the end of

each workday, which should be about two to three days.

Motorists are advised to proceed slowly and cautiously in the work zones that have been created through this on-going project by officials. For more information, contact the Van Buren Township Public Works Department at (734) 699-8925.

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OPINION

Thanks Mr. Weaver, and we'll miss you

Fred Weaver made official on Monday night something that many have suspected and some have anticipated.

The three-term member of the Wayne-Westland School Board stepped down from his position there. It was not his ability to do the job that caused the move, he said, but rather a residency issue. Weaver, a minister, had been assigned to a church in Midland earlier this year. He tried to make the commute for a while, but ultimately decided to put his house on the market. He changed his driver's license and voter registration, too.

We're going to miss you, Mr. Weaver.

Weaver has done an admirable job during his time on the board and he deserves to be thanked for his efforts, not criticized for the way he was forced to leave. Things like that hap-

pen every so often and the most we can do is handle it the best we can.

He has plenty of achievements that he can be proud of, too. Despite a flagging economy and uncertain school funding, he was part of a team that presented a balanced budget that didn't see any decline in services to students. He was part of a team that helped improve the image of the Wayne-Westland School District and therefore, the community as a whole.

He brought Project 180 to a successful launch, a project designed to help the needier residents of the district—parents and students alike—to change their circumstances and help them improve themselves.

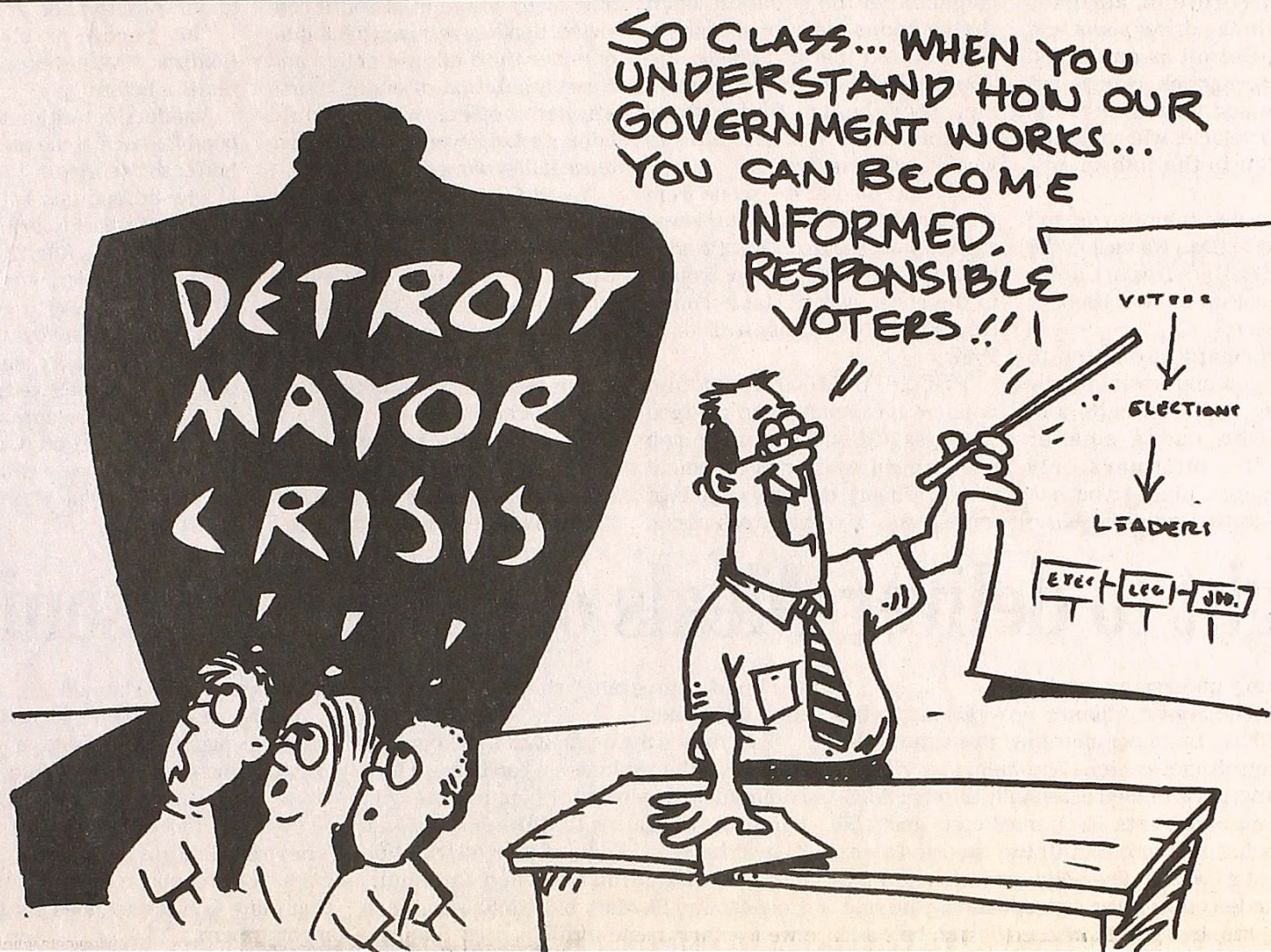
He brought a balanced viewpoint to the board, too. He,

along with former fellow board member and minister Terrance McClain, gave the Wayne-Westland School Board a perspective that few other boards had.

Yes, you'll be missed, Mr. Weaver.

In light of this, the board will need to make a decision on who will fill his spot. We'd like to suggest one of the candidates who ran for office during the most recent election; they've already shown an interest in the post and a willingness to go out and campaign for it.

The Wayne-Westland School District, like others throughout the state, will face challenges in the coming years and Weaver's vacancy will be a tough void to fill. Let's fill it without someone we all know wants the job, despite the impending difficulties.



Festival should make us proud

This weekend will be a special one in the City of Wayne.

The annual Wheelfest returns, a time when the city celebrates its automotive heritage, overall history and sense of community.

It's the sense of community that people should think about as they're wandering around, visiting the vendors or looking at the classic cars or taking part in one of the many activities, or just sitting and listening to the music.

Because the Wheelfest, once threatened by budget cuts, is back and stronger than ever.

It was about two years ago when budget cuts threatened to end the festival—or at least drastically scale it back. Members of the Wheelfest Commission took on the challenge, though, and were determined to put on a top notch event for the community. They did the right thing in that—they appealed to the community.

This year, visitors will find more community groups taking part. They'll find more things to do, more places to browse—they may even see a few new faces among the booths in Goudy Park. They'll hear the same type of music; their children will be entertained by the same activities and rides.

It's all because the community came together and helped make it happen. Through additional sponsorships from businesses and residents purchasing commemorative buttons to help fund the entertainment portion of the festival, people in the City of Wayne—and, in some cases, beyond—have come through to continue this proud tradition.

It's worth noting that this is more than just a weekend of fun, where we can spoil ourselves on treats not otherwise readily available. Where we can get together for a game of cards that will ultimately help our a charitable organization, where we can gaze at custom hot rods or classic muscle cars lined up for a greater purpose.

This is about more than that, it's about community. People of the city—and those who helped organize the festival and fund it in particular—should be very proud.

A little piece of paradise right here

Despite my optimism, I sometimes wonder if the shadows are taking over.

I sat in a Belleville City Council meeting on Monday night, listening to concerns about security issues at city hall.

"Anyone can come in off the street and go into anyone's office at any time," said Keith Boc, director of public services.

The changes he proposed and the council members will consider involve shutting off the public to such open access to people in city hall. They involve security doors with card swipers and a revamped 'customer service' window. They were all practical things, if not necessarily friendly.

He and Clerk Dianna Kollmeyer were quick to point out that these suggestions weren't made to keep the public from

Not everyone who comes into city hall is as friendly as I am; some of them are angry and some are just plain sketchy.

accessing their government; they were designed so that they would know the intentions of people before they were allowed further into the building. It's a result of the times, when a bad economy has forced city officials to send out more water shut off notices, where

the ordinance officers tend to find more blight and when citizens are generally less happy.

Belleville isn't the only place where it's happening, either. I lamented—privately, until now—a decision to keep the security doors locked at Wayne City Hall. That took place earlier this summer and it means that people only have access to the main hallway; to get further they have to check in at the counter and get buzzed back in.

I understand the need for this. Not everyone who comes into city hall is as friendly as I am; some of them are angry and some are just plain sketchy.

I still miss the small town days when you could meander in and talk to the people in charge without feeling like you have to go through some type of background

check, when people weren't necessarily suspicious of your motives.

That, to me, was one of the best parts about this job, one of the best parts about working or living in a small town in general. There was a friendlier attitude toward residents and government in general. I never thought I was in some big metropolis when I stopped in at Wayne City Hall, even though it's a community of nearly 20,000 people. I just sat in someone's office and felt like a neighbor.

In the wake of continual threats, news about suspicious packages and all that, I suppose these kinds of steps are necessary—even in small friendly towns like Belleville and Wayne.

I just hope the neighborhood feel doesn't get lost in all of this.

On 3...football season kicks off

Thousands of student athletes took to the fields and gymnasiums last week to get the 2008-09 season under way, meaning one thing: I'm ready for some FOOTBALL.

Yes, in case you haven't guessed already, the gridiron is my favorite place to park my tukus during the fall. Not to take any importance or excitement away from the other games like volleyball, soccer (which is actually growing on me quite a bit), golf, tennis or swimming but there's just something about the aggressive American sport that draws me to the cheap seats.

I don't know if it's the overall action of the game that makes it so appealing or the grueling transformation of teams through the season that is either completely awe-inspiring or absolutely frustrating.

Whatever the case may be there is something about watching athletes rising to the challenge, facing adversity and growing from the outcome—be it in the glow of victory or the shadow of defeat. Either way there's some-

thing learned and accomplished more than the game of football.

Hut one:

This year is bound to be an interesting one with the addition of four new head coaches in the Journal World.

Eagles fly and the ones out of Romulus hope they can soar under Keith Wittkopp, who takes over as head coach. Wittkopp is soft spoken but carries a big stick on the field with hopes of batting down some Mega opponents. He will certainly give it his all to turn Romulus' 0-9 2007 season around and has a talented young group behind him.

Wayne has a young football guru in Kevin Weber at the helm now. He might be young but shouldn't be underestimated. Cross-town rival John Glenn hired junior varsity head coach Tim Hardin as the Rockets new leader. He has years of experience coaching under the guidance of the famed Chuck Gordon. So expect some old-school smash-mouth football out of Westland.

Of course there are the veteran

team leaders like Tim Baechler who is no stranger to winning with the Canton Chiefs. Something tells me that they are back on track this year after a 5-4 '07 record. With a speedy crew this year Baechler is bent on more wins and the playoffs. Look for a postseason blitz.

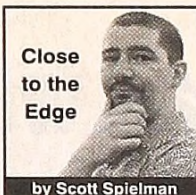
"Cat scratch fever" remains in Plymouth as second-year man Mike Sawchuk has the arsenal to lead the Wildcats back to the playoffs after a stellar 2007 season. The Cats were scrappy last year and will remain so this season.

Never count out a guy that quotes *The Great Gatsby*. Salem won its first game last year under English teacher Parker Salowich and will build on that. Salowich sees the light and this could be the year he gets his team to it.

Picked to win the Division 2 championship in 2007, Inkster learned from its mistakes after



From the cheap seats
by Jeff Novak



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

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Going strong

Church marks 160 years in area

Scott Spielman
Editor

One hundred and sixty years ago, 10 members of the Wayne community got together in the old Wayne schoolhouse.

They weren't there for a lesson, though, they were there because they wanted to form a new church—there was only in the area and the minister, Marcus Swift, served the entirety of what was then Nankin Township, often preaching as many as 31 sermons every month.

From that meeting, the First Congregational Church of Wayne was born, a parish that has lasted through the years and weathered a few storms here and there.

"It's a very prominent piece in the history of Wayne," said Linda Beasley, a long-time member who currently runs the church office. "We were right on the main road and it made us very visible."

Beasley is a member of one of the families that have three generations of members active in the church. Her mother-in-law, Marion, has been a member since 1947, her sons are active, too.

Marion Beasley has seen six pastors come and go, but there's one thing that has stayed the same.

"The people," she said. "Everybody is friendly, helping each other. It's just a wonderful church."

The original structure was constructed in 1848 on a budget of \$1,200. It hosted important meetings during the Civil War and was renovated in 1910 and shared with the Methodist congregation until 1862.

The structure at 2 Town Square is not the original one; it was constructed in 1971 after a fire destroyed the original building in 1970.

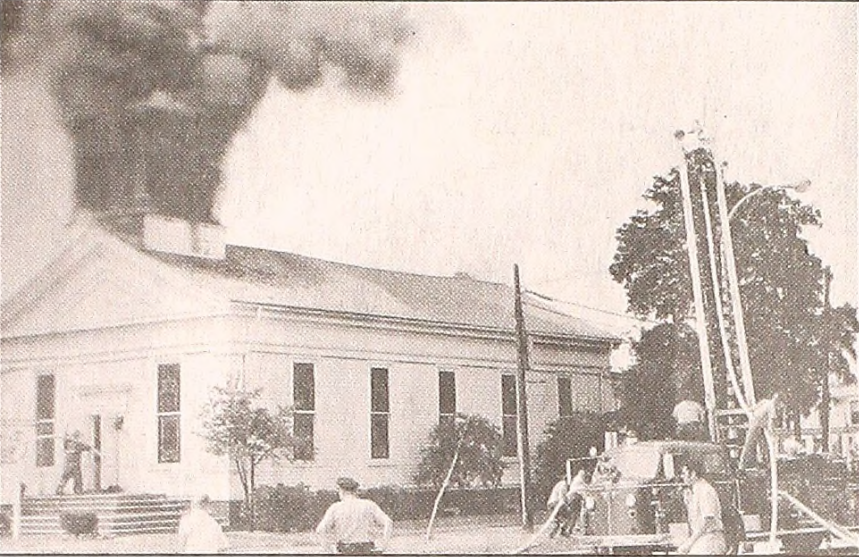
"The only thing left was the parlor," said Linda Beasley, who was married there.

"They took me right in," she added of the congregation. "They made me a part of their fellowship."

The congregation has celebrated their anniversary in many different ways, according to long-time member Connie Chicky. They kicked it



The Beasleys—Marion, Norm and Paul—are one of the three-generational families to worship at the 160-year-old First Congregational Church of Wayne.



A fire on Aug. 12, 1970 destroyed the original structure, but the church was rebuilt on the same spot. Photo from Images of America: Wayne Fire Department, by Richard L. Story

off with postal stamps that celebrated the 160-year history. The board of deacons recently spearheaded a drive for new bibles for the church pews, which were dedicated in a church service followed by an all-church luncheon hosted by the women's fellowship. That service featured a musical video entitled 'Stepping Stones,' in which each 'stone' was a picture of a member of the congregation with an anniversary wish or memory.

The anniversary year will continue, she added, with an upcoming visit to the Congregational Church of Detroit and a new anniversary cookbook that will be introduced during the annual church fair in

November.

Linda Beasley said she was happy to be a part of the church and to bring up her family there, too. Her husband, Norm, helps out at the church and her children were very active in the youth ministry.

"We stay connected here," she said. "It's a place we love; it's a job of the heart."

"In these hard times the church competes with so many things in society," she added. "But it's doing well. It's thriving."

Season

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watching there undefeated season turn into a 1-8 record due to a clerical error by way of Africa that showed a player to be overage—a mistake that ousted them from playoff picture. Greg Carter is back with a truckload of talent and should be a shoe-in for the Division 2 title again this year.

There's only one direction Belleville can go after a 0-9 season. Under the guidance and wisdom of long-time coach Bob LaPointe the completely retooled Tigers could be a force this year.

Get the fire extinguishers ready because Northville is getting ready to explode this year.

Matt Ladach jumped shipped at Romulus to head to Northville—a smart move since he lives in the community and teaches at the high school. Ladach is fiery

as are some of his assistants—former Wayne head coach, Craig Hnatuk, and former head Northville basketball coach, Darrel Schumacher.

But this year it isn't just the coaches that are fired up. Everybody on the practice field last week couldn't wait to set the gridiron ablaze. So watch for Northville to be on the positive end of some upsets this year.

Hut two:

This is the time of year when we see boys become men and men become heroes—that's what the game is all about.

For some it will be a single play that catapults them to gridiron immortality and for others it will be an entire season of success that lands them in the history books for eternity as the best team of 2008.

So snap that chinstrap in place, pound your chest pads and roar like a champion because it's...

Hut three:

...GAME TIME!

Anniversary of 'dream' speech is celebrated

Next week, families can gather at the Westland library to celebrate the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'I Have a Dream' speech.

Standing before the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, Dr. King's speech on equality and his hope for a future in which all people, regardless of race, could live together in peace and friendship became a rallying cry for the American Civil Rights Movement.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will commemorate the 45th anniversary of the well-known speech with a special event at 7 p.m. Aug. 27—the day before the actual anniversary. The event will offer children a chance to view the 16 minute long oration, learn a little more about the background of the event, and to participate in simple craft activity.

"It's an opportunity for families to talk about King's message," said Lisa Hausman, children's librarian and head of

Children's Services.

In fact, Hausman said that one of her favorite pieces of history connected with the speech is that residents in this area were among those who experienced earlier versions of it.

"He actually gave parts of that speech here in Detroit in June of 1963," said Hausman.

In addition, she said that the free event also offers children a lesson in perseverance since they will learn that the speech didn't simply come to King fully formed—he had to work at it, continually editing and revising.

"It's a message that kids continually need to hear," she said.

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland is located at 6123 Central City Pkwy, just north of Ford Road. No pre-registration is available; seating will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

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Rock on

Local author publishes book of rock ‘n’ roll memorabilia

Scott Spielman
Editor

It's not often that one can say they've had their picture taken with The Rolling Stones.

Bob Harris has that claim to fame, and anyone who doesn't believe it can check out his book 'Motor City Rock and Roll,' which



features a picture of the Redford resident with the British supergroup in their heyday.

Harris, a former publisher and music promoter, published the book through the Images of America series put out by Arcadia Press. It hit bookstores last week.

"I'm having a lot of fun with it," said Harris, who got involved with the music scene in the Detroit area during the 1960s. "It's quite a book. We've been doing well with it. We've sold out of books in some places—and it's only been out for a week.

Harris and John Douglas Peters are listed as co-authors of the book, which features a variety of historic photographs of musical acts as diverse as Elvis Presley and the Grateful Dead. It was Peters' idea, Harris said, when he showed him the memorabilia from his publishing efforts.

"I had boxes of pictures and photographs," said Harris. "He said: 'Why don't you do something with

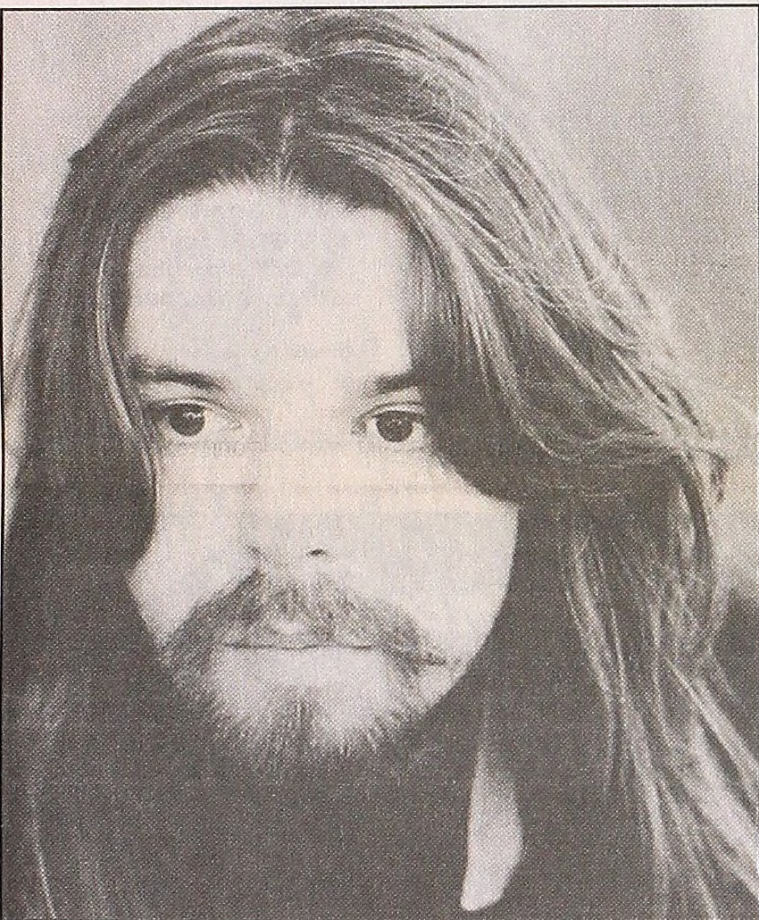
it?'"

That was the beginning of a nine-month process of sifting through old photographs and coming up with the information and titles to go with them.

Harris came into the music scene as the publisher of Teen News, a magazine he created during the 1960s. It was distributed at first only in teen night clubs once a month. It increased in popularity to the point where it became a weekly paper and music promoters for all sorts of acts called him up seeking publicity.



Bob Harris, far right above, had his photo taken with the young Rolling Stones and interviewed Madonna, Diana Ross and Danny Tomas and a young Bob Segar.



CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE

A Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the legislative body of the City of Romulus. The effective date of the ordinance is August 22, 2008.

A copy of the ordinance may be purchased from the Treasurer's Office, Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, or inspected at the City Clerk's Office at the same address.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #10 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for **Die-Namic, Inc., 7565 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township**, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

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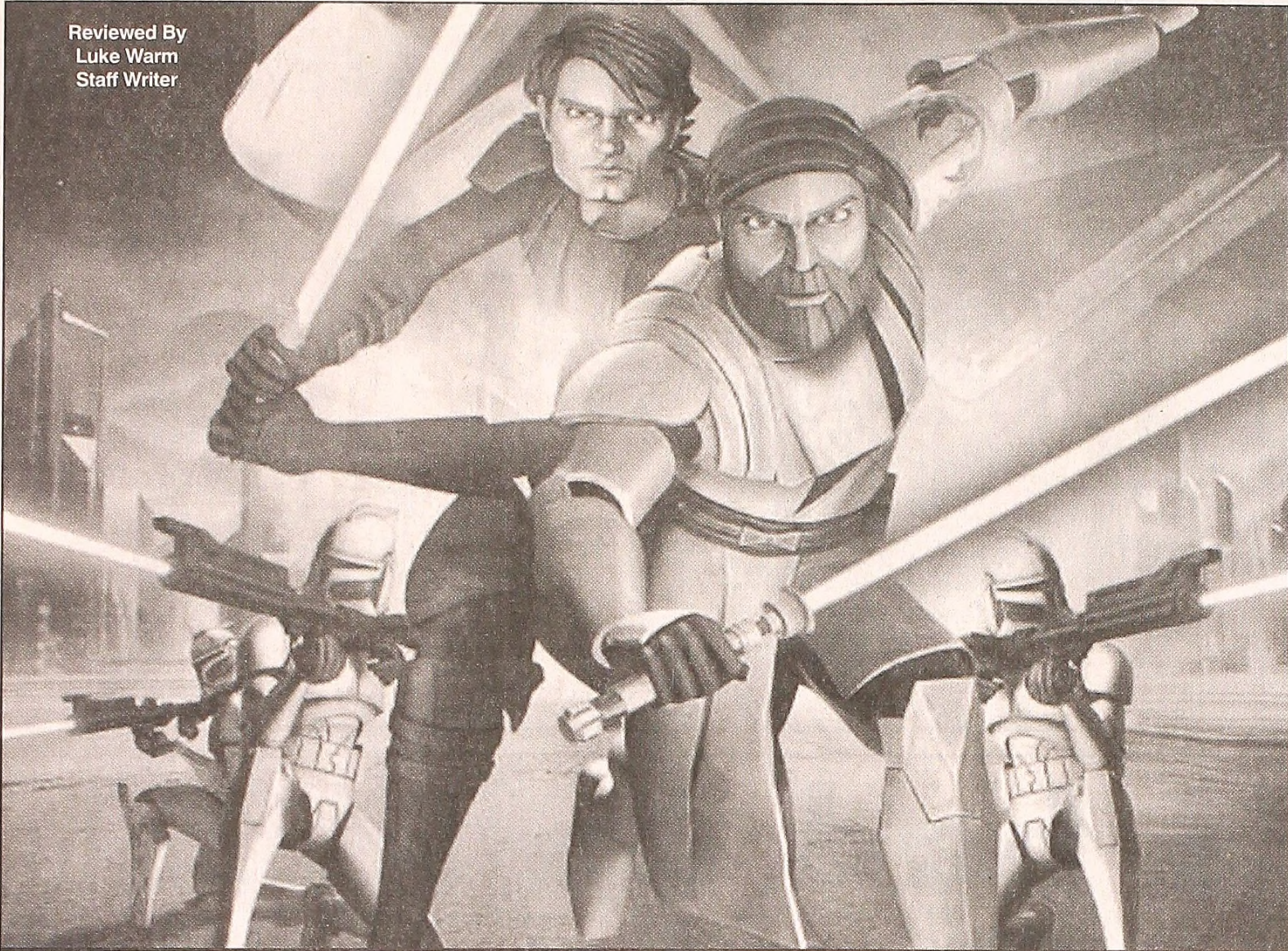
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THE SCENE

Force has deserted Star Wars: The Clone Wars

Reviewed By
Luke Warm
Staff Writer



Oh, how the mighty have fallen. Star Wars: The Clone Wars, released in theaters this weekend doesn't handle a candle to, well, anything. The animated film is such a disappointment it makes the three most recently released Star Wars films look like Oscar winners by comparison.

The film is supposed to take place during the events depicted in the live-action movies *Attack of the Clones* and *Revenge of the Sith*, episodes two and three of the Star Wars saga, respectively.

It follows Annakin Skywalker (voiced by Matt Manter) and Obi-Wan Kenobi (James Arnold Taylor) as they try to break up a war and rescue the offspring of Jabba the Hut in two separate missions. The young Hut was kidnapped by separatist forces to use as a pawn to turn the Hut clan against the Jedi and the Republic. They need the allegiance in order to ferry troops to battle, I think, sort of like an interspace easement agreement.

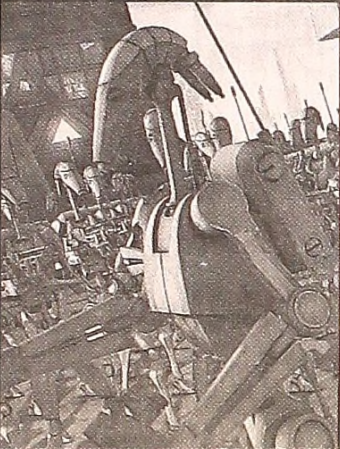
That thin plot serves as the foundation for some appallingly bad voice-overs; it sounds as if the actors read lines from a script while they were nearly dozing off from the effects of Sudafed.

The film brings some of the on-screen characters into their animated roles—Christopher Lee is Count Dooku and Samuel L. Jackson is the Jedi Mace Windu—but they have even less to work, with than they did during the three 'prequel' films.

The battle scenes are bland; the animation far below current standards and the characters uninspiring. The relationship between Annakin and his new pupil (Ahsoka Tano, voiced by Catherine Tabor) is at best unbelievable and most often annoying. You would think, also, that if Annakin had indeed had a student under his wing, that fact might have come up later on in the overall storyline. I can see why it didn't.

If the purpose of the film is to bridge the gap between the silver screen and the upcoming animated series on Cartoon Network, the producers should have chosen a better vehicle. On television, there will be other channels to choose from.

There are plenty more things to criticize about the film, but what's the point? Suffice it to say that the Force—not that it was mentioned in the film, at all—is not with this one.



Other movies were much better

I liked this movie a little. The action was good and there were a lot of good battles. The battle droids were funny, too. I didn't like the characters. I thought they were better in the first movies with Han Solo and Luke Skywalker. I thought this movie was OK but I liked the other *Star Wars* movies better.

Kid's Corner



by Henry Spielman

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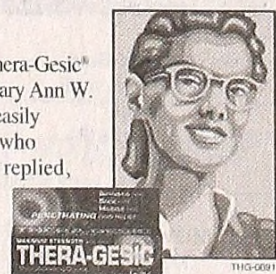
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SPORTS

Eagles soar into new season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's only one way a 0-9 team can go and that's up.

That's the direction the Romulus Eagles are headed this season under new leadership from Keith Wittkopp.

"We certainly want to improve from last year," Wittkopp said. "I want to make sure that we have a disciplined team, a motivated team and a dedicated team."

The varsity squad didn't win a game last year, but Wittkopp's junior varsity Eagles went 6-3. He brought up a host of players from the junior squad and, with a handful of retuning starters from the var-

sity team and completely revamped playbook, the Eagles are ready to take flight.

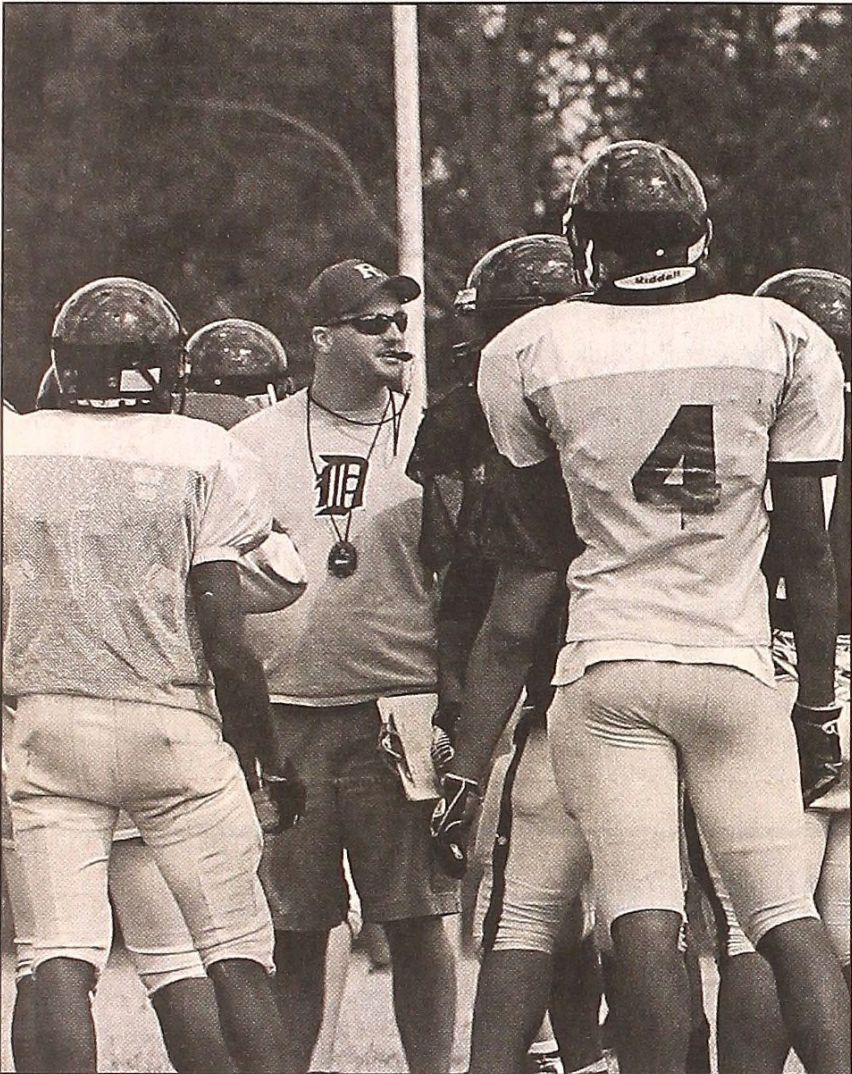
"We just want to go out and get things done and stay strong especially in the fourth quarter," said Rodney Colfield, a senior and starting quarterback. "I know we had the lead a few times going into the fourth last year and we ended up losing it. We would just give up on each other when the other team would score. We have to stay as a team and pick it up this year."

Although the new offensive scheme remains shrouded in secrecy to outsiders, it is getting high marks from those inside the camp.

"I love the direction that the offense is going," Cofield said. "It's a



Romulus senior Eugene Dixon (center) will play a prominent role on both sides of the ball this year as a running back and a linebacker.



First year head varsity coach Keith Wittkopp (center) is taking more of disciplined and organized approach to practice this year. The Eagles will have a new look on offense and defense for 2008.

lot smoother and I have a lot more control over it. There's just a lot to watch out for."

"Teams are going to have to cover every formation that we put out there," added Eugene Dixon, a senior running back and linebacker.

Wittkopp wouldn't comment any further on the new system.

It's going to take more than Wittkopp's positive demeanor and disciplined coaching style to get the team pointed in the right direction. This team will have to rely on senior leadership to get the Eagles out of the 0-9 doldrums.

"Senior leadership is huge,"

Wittkopp.

"We've had some weak leadership out of the seniors in the past and I'm expecting a lot out of these guys this year. They know it, I know it and they're starting to step up."

Senior Lineman Ciapha Reeves is one of those seniors that is stepping up. He'll see plenty

of time on both sides of the ball.

"I'm taking it upon myself to bring the senior leadership this year," he said. "It's important because you have to be that big brother to the younger players and if they see you working hard they're going to work hard to be just like you."

Romulus was plagued with injuries to key players last year so health will be an issue in 2008 but Wittkopp is confident that his coaching staff can guide them through any turbulence that arises.

"If we can stay healthy and dedicated we should be fine," he said. "I

have a good coaching staff. I was a little worried when I got the job as to who I was going to get but I got lucky and got some pretty experienced guys working with me."

It helps to have depth, too. Two junior varsity passers are backing up Colfield: Antonio James and James Givens. Junior varsity runner Desmond Roberts is backing up Dixon and senior Loren Townes played some last year.

Romulus kicks off the season at Southgate at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 and hosts Garden City in its home opener at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ECORSE ROAD STREETScape PLAN
(Between I-275 and Hannan Road)

August 27, 2008 at 7:00 PM
Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road
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Township staff will be available to review the plan and answer any questions. Please contact Dan Swallow, Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development at 734-699-8913 or dswallow@vanburen-mi.org with any questions. You can also preview the plan at www.vanburen-mi.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL 46425 TYLER ROAD

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville, MI 48111 to consider the request for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate in existing Industrial Development District #7 pursuant to Act 198, Michigan Public Acts of 1974, as amended for **The Envelope Printery, 8979 Samuel Barton Drive, Van Buren Township**, Wayne County, Michigan. Following is the described parcel:

V125-83-047-99-0003-707

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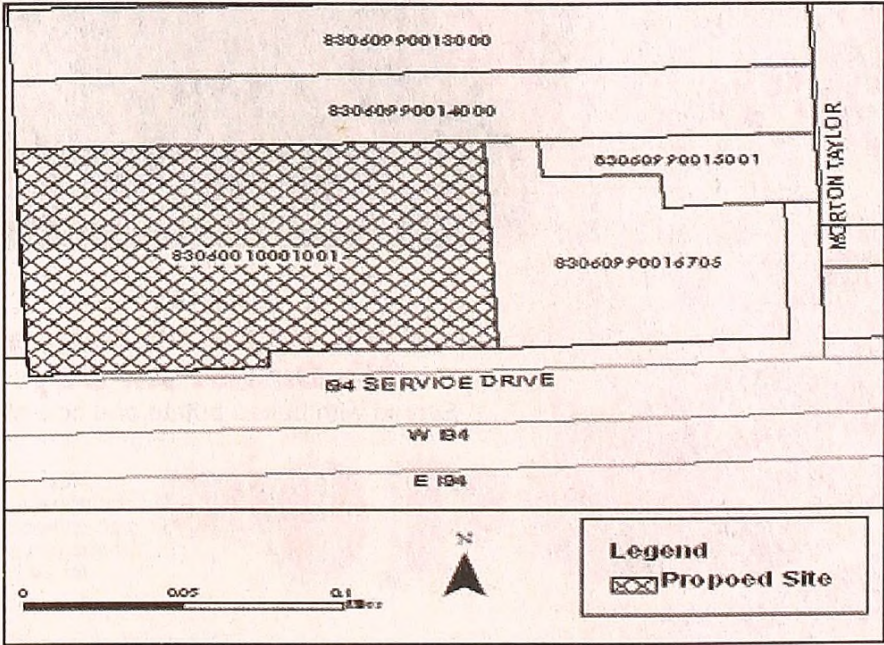
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday September 10, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a special land use request on the following described property.

A portion of Parcel number V125-83-060-01-0001-001 approximately 8.79 acres. This property is located on the I-94 North Service Drive, west of Morton Taylor Road and East of Belleville Road. A Map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



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SPORTS

New coach readies Wayne for '08 season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

"It's a whole new team and a whole new way of life here," said Nick Kostora.

It was at a practice last week, and the senior quarterback referred to the new regime and new era of football at Wayne Memorial High School.

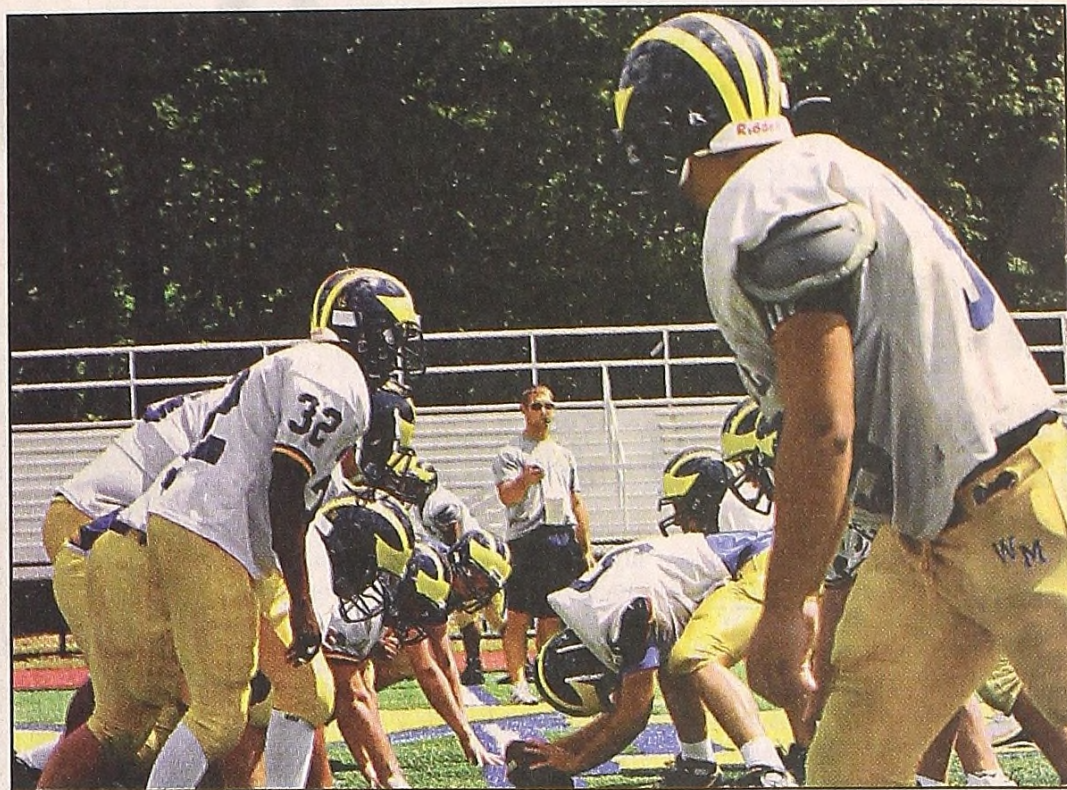
The program was completely overhauled from top to bottom this year, starting with a new head coach—Kevin Weber—who was the head junior varsity coach last year. Weber changed the defense from a 5-2 to a 4-4 scheme and the offense to a spread option system.

"The option spread is a better fit for our kids," Weber said. "We don't get 220-pound linemen, we get 280-pound linemen that should be 220 pounds. Or we get 180-pound kids that think they're running backs because they're not 220 pounds. But lines can play on the line in this kind of system."

The result is a lightning fast line that can get off the ball quick and win the line of scrimmage.

"Whoever wins the line, wins the game," Weber added.

The new offense has created excitement among the ranks and garnered praise among the players.



New Wayne head coach Kevin Weber (center) times a drill during the first week of practice.



The most noticeable difference with the Zebras this year is the addition of a kicking game led by former soccer player Jesse Dorow (3). Coach Weber (right) watches Dorow attempt a field goal.

"We have to adjust to the personnel that we have," Kostora said. "I'm personally happy about it. The Veer offense is going to be great for us and I think we are going to be very successful with it. We have great tailbacks. Our backfield is going to be great for us and if we need to we have the weapons at receiver to really execute."

Kostora, senior running back Richard Haley and senior wide receiver C.J. Johnson are three of those crucial weapons in the revamped offense.

The rest of the jobs and positions are either run by committee, including running back and linebacker, or up in the air still, according to Weber.

Senior lineman Eric Story is back this year, anchoring both lines at 6-foot-3 and 270 pounds.

"The offense is going to do amazing," Story said. "It's looking really good. It looks good on paper and when we do it, it looks great. I think we're going to be really good on defense, too."

Senior Jesse Dorow offers the Zebras something they haven't had in several years—a kicking game. Dorow quit soccer to play football and was ripping extra points and field goals of varying lengths through the uprights during practice on Friday. The 6-foot-3 kicker will also see some time at wide receiver, Weber said.

The biggest addition to Zebra camp was the term brotherhood—the team's new motto.

"This is the first time that I've been here that we've actually come together," Story said. "Everybody has been real close, like brothers,

that's why "brotherhood" is our motto. Everyone has been motivating each other positively and it's amazing to watch because it's never happened in my football experience. I have 100 percent confidence in Coach Weber."

That confidence and brotherhood will have to go a long way with a tough schedule ahead of the Zebras.

When the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) merged with the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) to form a 24-team mega league Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) it shoved Wayne into the South Division of the Kensington Conference against Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Canton and rival Westland John Glenn.

No game sticks out more than week seven against the Rockets for the City Championship. The rivalry ended on a bad note last year and Weber hopes to right it.

"I'm actually looking forward to it," he said. "It's going to be a fun game and a big game for both schools. My hope is to bring the trophy back and my hope is to bring the trophy back in the right way. And that's a big thing. We want to make sure that it's a hard fought game and that when it's all said and done that things are done right, winning or losing."

The Zebras start the season on the road against a non-division, KLAA opponent Waterford Kettering at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 with their home opener scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday Sept. 5 against Waterford Mott.

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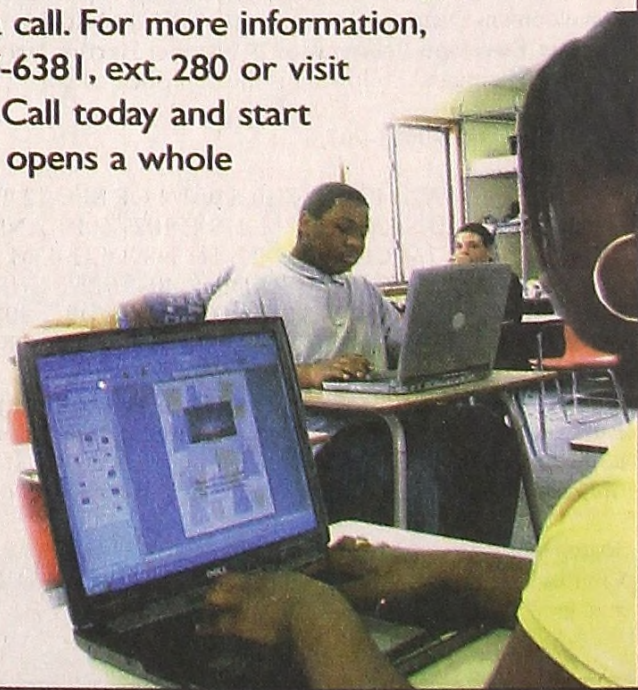
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Rockets blast off new campaign

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Toughness has been a trademark of John Glenn football over the years and it doesn't look like it's going to change any time soon.

The Rockets are looking to return to the good old days of smash-mouth, blue-collar football and Tim Hadrin, the new head coach, is set to rebuild on the old tradition of winning.

It was still the first week of practice—just five days in and the second day in full pads—and already Hardin was expecting perfection from his players. His get-it-done-or-go-home philosophy was sinking into some and tearing down others during conditioning drills on Friday.

“We’ve had some good days and we’ve had some bad days,” Hardin said as his players staggered to the locker room for a break. “I like the group of guys that we have, but they haven’t learned the right way yet so we’re going to keep after that.”

The right way is the “get it done” part. Hardin said he won’t rest or let his team rest until it is done and that might not be for another 10 weeks when the regular season is over—or longer if they make the desired playoffs.

Although Hardin sounds like he’s drawing a line in the sand, conditioning is just one of many steps needed to march down the road to

toughness.

“Toughness has been a tradition here for a long time,” he said. “That’s why we’re working them so hard in doubles because we want to keep that tradition going. We have to be in good shape and we have to be in better shape than the teams that we’re playing against.”

Glenn won the City Championship against cross-town rival Wayne and just missed the playoffs last year with a 5-4 record under Coach Todd DeLuca. With DeLuca’s dismissal, Hardin stepped up from the head junior varsity position with hopes of getting the Rockets back to the playoffs. That’s something the Rockets hadn’t done since famed coach Chuck Gordon retired.

Hardin played for and coached under Gordon and has been involved with the Rockets in one way or another for the last 20 years. That doesn’t mean he won’t face challenges.

First is to form a team. He lost 25 seniors to graduation off of the 45-man roster. The good news is numbers are up from last year—the 2008 roster carries 56 player names.

There are only a handful of positions solidified, though.

Dazz Bragg and Kyren Boyd are senior defensive backs and senior lineman Jake Morris is back.

“We’re Expecting big things from those guys this year,” Hardin said.

“As far as the rest of the positions available, they’re still up for grabs.”

The good news is he has plenty of competition for key roles. There are three players battling for the starting quarter back and similar situation in the backfield.

“It’s great to have that competition,” Hardin said. “Those guys are pushing each other. All three are doing a good job and the nice thing is we have three guys competing for that job when there have been years where we haven’t had anybody compete for it and that’s real tough. So we’re real fortunate to have that.”

Another challenge is being in the South division of the newly formed Kensington Lakes Activities Association. The South is arguably the toughest of the four divisions split between two conferences—Kensington and Lakes. There they have to face Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth, Canton and rival Wayne.

“I think in our south division—and I’m not taking anything away from the other divisions—but it’s a tough division,” Hardin said. “All of the teams are good teams and have good programs. It’s going to be a battle with our schedule this year—a battle every week.”

Hardin said he plans to beat teams not with tricks or gimmicks but with hard work. At the end of the day when his players stagger off



New Glenn Coach Tim Hardin motivates his team at the end of a practice session last week. He hopes to return Glenn football to playoff form.

the field he just has one destination in mind.

“Our goal is to get back to the playoffs,” Hardin said. “John Glenn had been a playoff team for many, many years in a row and our goal is to get back there. We want to play

tough and be competitive and we want to have that reputation of being that tough blue-collar hard-working team.”

Glenn opens the season at home against Waterford Mott at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD AUGUST 4, 2008 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.

Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, LeRoy Burcroff, William Crova, Harry Crout, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Alan Lambert, Mayor

Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-251

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crout to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held July 28, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-252

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to remove from the table three (3) Delaware North Companies Travel Hospitality Services, Inc., and Wayne County Airport Authority (CoLicensees) request a new Tavern Licenses with Official Food permits in the Smith Terminal. ID #468694, ID #468699, and ID #468701.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-253

3A1. Motion by Crova, supported Crout to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve the request of Delaware North Companies Hospitality Services Inc., and Wayne County Airport Authority for a new Tavern License with Official Food Permit to be located at L.C. Smith Terminal, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Zone 3, Space 3-6B, North Terminal, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County, upon compliance with Romulus Ordinances and Regulations. ID #468694

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-254

3B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department, and approve the request of Delaware North Companies Hospitality Services Inc., and Wayne County Airport Authority for a new Class C License with Official Food Permit to be located at L.C. Smith Terminal, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Zone 2, Space 2-4A, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County, upon compliance with Romulus Ordinances and Regulations. ID #468699

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-255

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of the Romulus Police Department and approve the request of Delaware North Companies Hospitality Services Inc., and Wayne County Airport Authority request a new Class C License with an Official Food Permit to be located at L. C. Smith Terminal, Detroit Metropolitan Airport, Zone 3, Space 3-5, Romulus, Michigan 48174, Wayne County, upon compliance with Romulus Ordinances and Regulations. ID #468701.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to accept the Chairpersons Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-256

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Tom Wilson, DPW Director and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement with Concord Ambulance Company to make “cosmetic” improvements to the City building located at 35255 Goddard currently utilized by Concord for their ambulance services.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-257

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Abbie Akins, Assistant Finance Director and adopt the demolition administrative fees for the City of Romulus as follows:

Demolition of a commercial/Multiple Resident Structure	\$1,650
Demolition of a Single Family Residential Structure	\$1,200
Demolition of an Out-building Structure	\$900
Sever Water OR Plug Sewer	\$200
Sever Water AND Plug Sewer	\$270

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-258

5C. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to concur with Lynn Conway, Purchasing Coordinator and Charles Kirby, Public Safety Director to extend bid award 07/08-21, speed radar equipment for the Police Department, for seven (7) KA band radar units to Takedown Enforcement Products in the amount of \$7,945.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-259

5D. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Thomas Wilson, DPW Director to extend Bid award 04/05-07, for Cross Connection Control Services for three (3) years to Hydro Designs, Inc., in the amount of \$23,400. Said agreement would expire on September 28, 2010.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-260

5E. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to concur with Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Kristen Irwin, Director of Recreation to extend Bid award 07/08-02, for the design, layout and printing services for the 2009 City Calendar to the lowest bidder, Johnson Lithograph, in the amount of \$7,728.00.

08-261

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 07/08-32, 07/08-33, 07/08-34, 08/09-02, 08/09-03 and 08/09-04, introduced at the City of Romulus Council Meeting held August 4, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. “Item Deleted”.

08-262

6A3. Motion by Burcroff supported by Bragg to approve second reading and final adoption of Appendix B, Chapter 38 - Romulus Employees Pension Plan Amendments, introduced at the July 14, 2008 Council Meeting.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Bragg, Burcroff, Crova, Wadsworth. Nays -Barden, Crout, Gear.

Motion Failed.

08-263

6B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution to defer the due date for payment of 2008 Summer & Winter Taxes without Penalties and interest until February 28, 2009 for Qualifying Property Taxpayers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

08-264

10. Motion by Bragg, supported by Crova to adopt a resolution to acknowledge and congratulate the Living Rock Church on its First Anniversary Celebration, to be held on Sunday, August 10, 2008 at 33200 Ecorse Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on August 4, 2008.

Linda R. Choate, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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